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CONFERENCE OF USSR AND SATELLITE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

A conference was held 9 - 12 May at Zagorsk, near Moscow, which was devoted to the question of safeguarding the peace of the world. It was attended by high church dignitaries and leaders of all religious units of the USSR -- Christian, Moslem, Jewish, and Buddhist. Religious representatives from Satellite countries were also present. Patriarch Aleksey of Moscow and of all Russia was the initiator and the organizer of the conference.

Metropolitan Nikolay of Krutitskiy and Kolonna, who was the chairman of the Organizational Preparatory Committee and a member of the World Peace Council, opened the conference by explaining its purpose and exposed the wicked policy of those imperialistic governments which are waging colonial wars in Korea, Vietnam, and Malaya. He spoke vehemently against those American aggressors who are guilty of unspeakable crimes and who carry on the heinous bacteriological warfare in Korea and in North China against the peaceful population. Metropolitan Nikolay issued a call to the representatives of churches and of religious groups to foster a strong spirit in the struggle against the evil warmongers.

The Supreme Patriarch of the Armenians, Katholikos Kevork VI, vehemently denounced the warmongers. He called upon all Armenians residing outside the USSR to align themselves with peace groups and to take a stand against those who are trying to engulf humanity in a new bloody war. Kevork VI proposed that a call be issued to the heads of all churches and religious groups throughout the world, urging them to raise their voices in protest against those who are preparing for war.

Those attending the conference from within the USSR were as follows:

Christian Representatives

Patriarch Aleksey of Moscow and of all Russia
 Metropolitan Nikolay of Krutitskiy and Kolonna
 Archbishop Flavian of Moscow
 Patriarch Melkhisedek, Katholikos of Georgia

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Supreme Patriarch Kevork VI of Armenia
 Bishop Strod, Metropolitan of Riga
 Bishop Poltarokas, of the Roman Catholic Churches of Lithuania, who also
 represented Bishop Kapitalian of Vil'nyus
 Cannon I. Stankevichus, head of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kaunas
 Bishop P. Stratos, executive of Lepaya Diocese
 Archbishop Gustav Turs, head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia
 Archbishop Yan Kiyvit, of the Lutheran Church of Estonia
 Ya I. Zhidkov, chairman, All-Union Council of the Evangelical Christian
 Baptists
 Paul A. Matzanov, chairman, All-Union Council of the Seventh-Day Adventists

Moslem Representatives

Mufti Al-Hafiz Kalamulla Shakir
 Ibn-Sheikh Islam Khiyaletdinov, chairman, ecclesiastical administration of
 Moslems, European SSR and Siberia
 Mulla Ziyaeddin Babakhanov, deputy chairman, ecclesiastical administration
 of Moslems, Central Asia, and Kazakhstan
 Mufti Mohammed Kurbanov, chairman, ecclesiastical administration of Mos-
 lems, Northern Caucasus and Dagestan

Jewish Representatives

Rabbi Solomon Shliffer, Moscow Choral Synagogue
 Rabbi I. Shakhtman, Kiev

Buddhist Representatives

Bandido Khaomho, Lama Lobsan
 Darmayev, chairman, central ecclesiastical administration of Buddhists in
 the USSR

Also taking part in the conference were the following visitors from Satel-
 lite and other countries:

Metropolitan Sebastian, Orthodox Church of Rumania
 Pastor Hugo Von Dalen, Reformed Church of the Netherlands
 Archimandrite Maksim, executive secretary, Orthodox Holy Synod, of Bulgaria
 Pastor Erwin Kock, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Austria; chairman,
 Austrian National Peace Committee
 Pastor Olf Johansen, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark
 Archimandrite Vasilii, Orthodox Church of Antioch.

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